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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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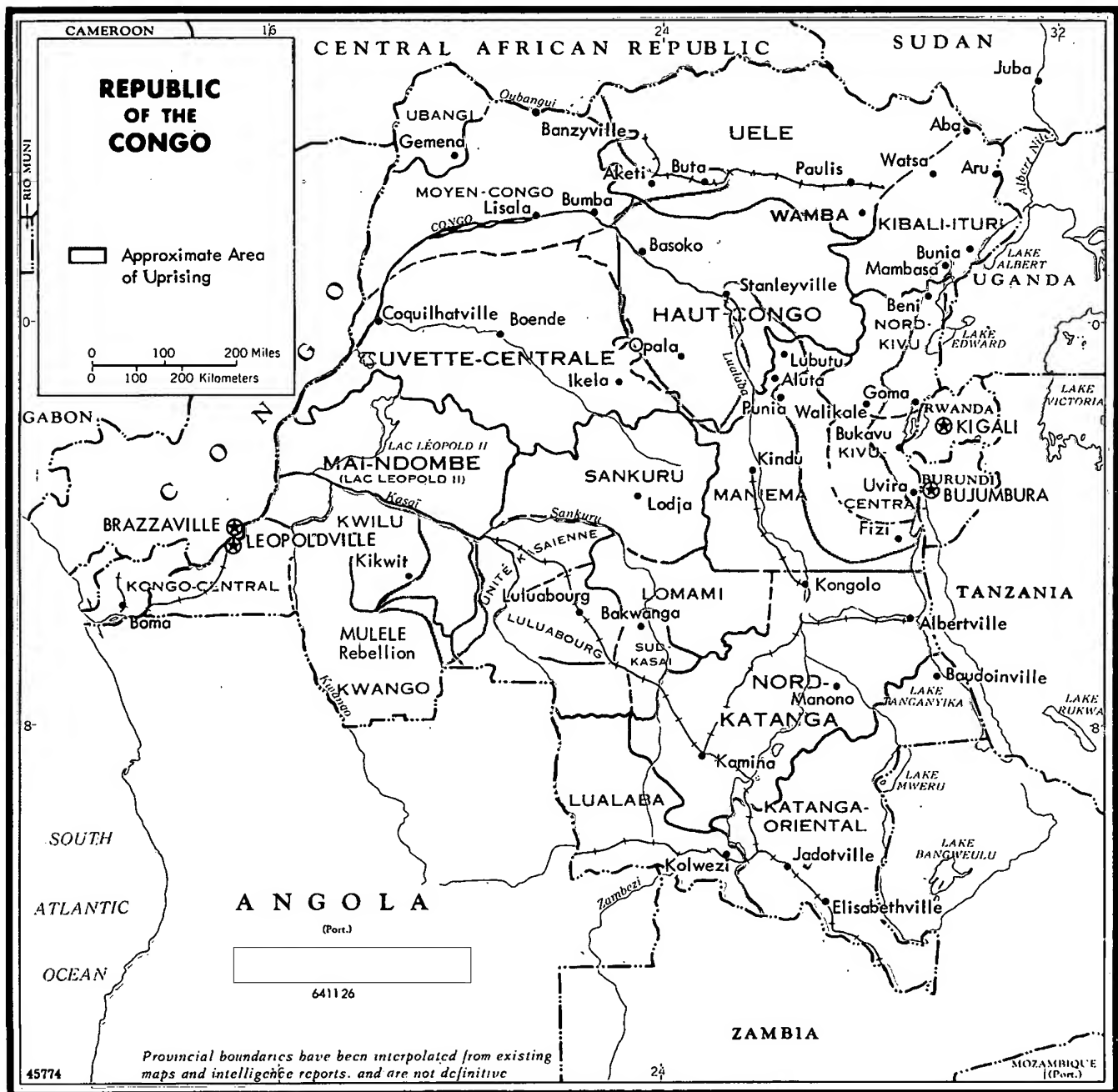


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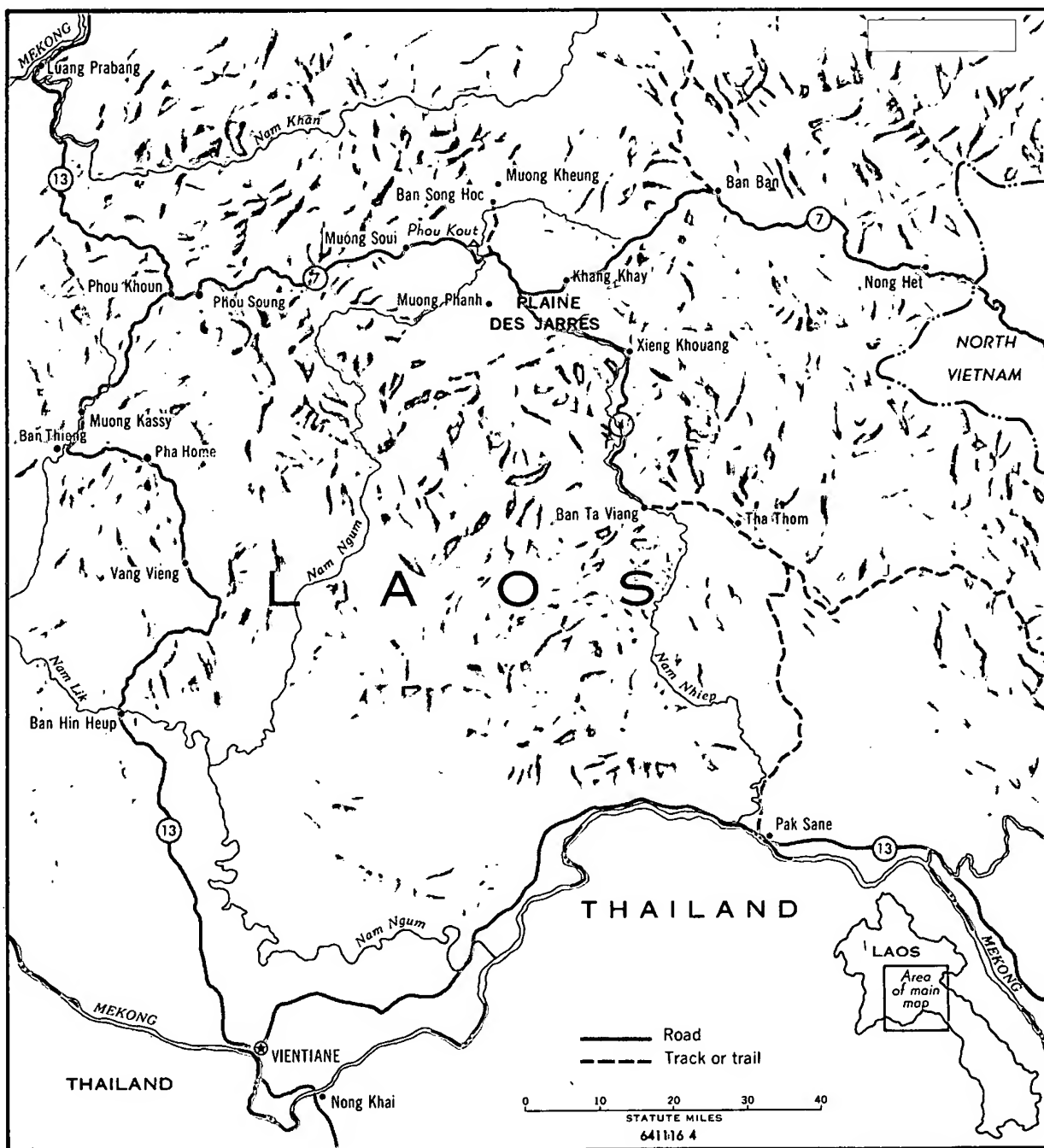
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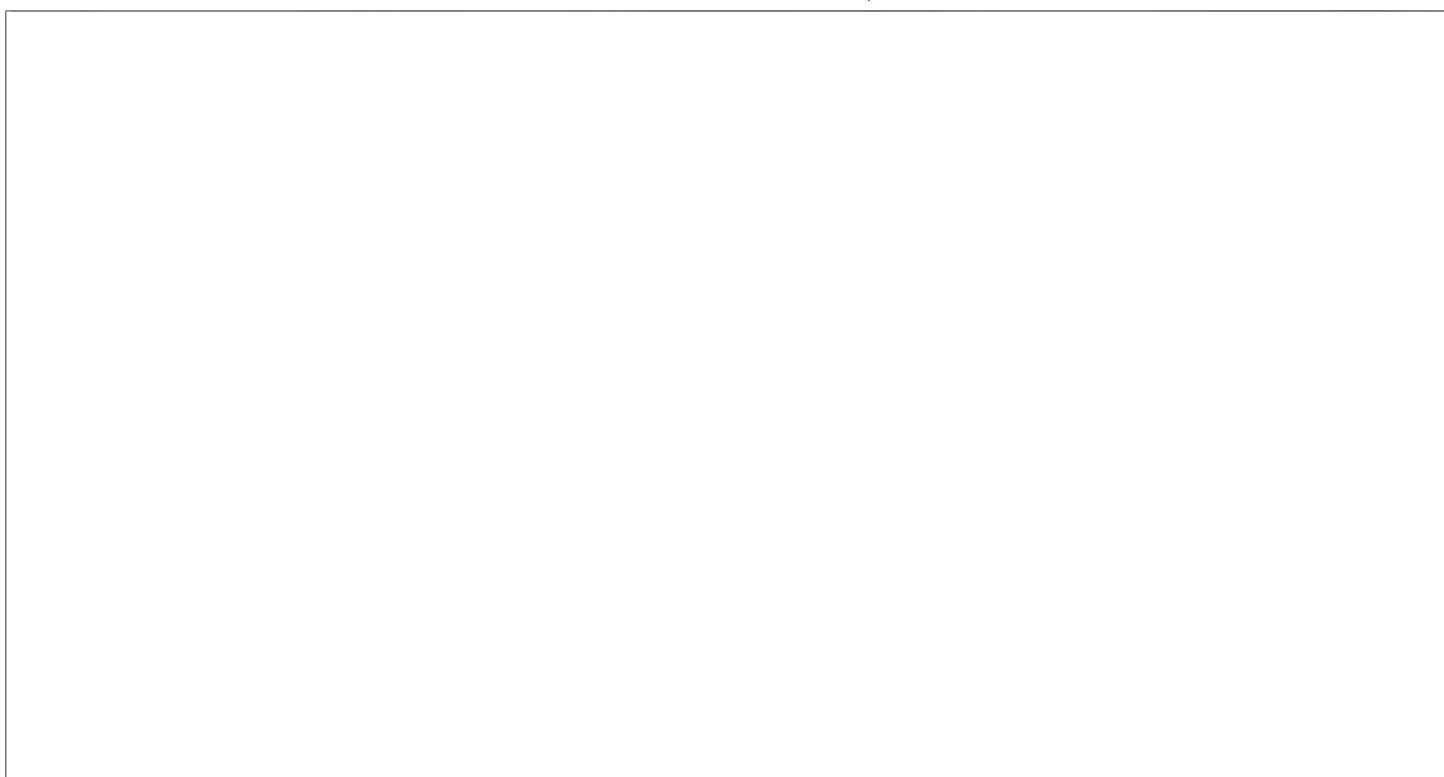
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1. Congo

The military situation in Stanleyville remains bleak. Government forces have retaken Bunia and are nearing Paulis, but have established only a shaky hold on towns along the Kindu-Stanleyville route.

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2. Laos

Another government attack against Phou Kout has been planned for 2 December. The Pathet Lao may react strongly. Yesterday an enemy attack was reported a few miles north of Tha Thom, but, at last official report, it appeared to be only a probing action.

3. USSR-Space

[redacted] yesterday's space probe, dubbed ZOND-2 by the Soviets, was successfully put into a trajectory toward Mars. The Soviets have announced, however, that its power equipment is not performing properly. If ZOND-2 is determined to be a failure, two weeks remain in December which are favorable for another attempt.

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4. USSR-Politics

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5. South Vietnam

Tri Quang, in central Vietnam, is now joining Buddhist leaders in Saigon in pressing for the ouster of the Huong government. With Tri Quang's power and political shrewdness in the scales against him, Huong's position is becoming increasingly difficult.

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6. North Vietnam

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the North Vietnamese are tightening their procedures for coping with South Vietnamese maritime [redacted]

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Additional Items of Intelligence

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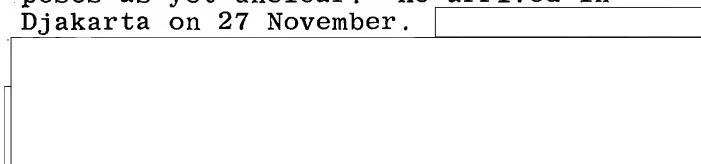
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2. Communist China

Foreign Minister Chen Yi is taking a hasty tour of Southeast Asia for purposes as yet unclear. He arrived in Djakarta on 27 November.

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3. Argentina

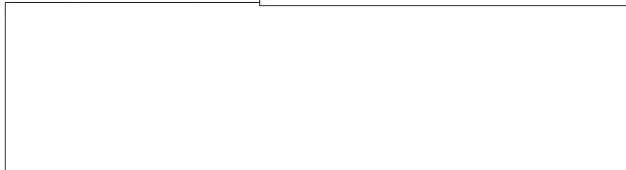


4. USSR

Growing Soviet emphasis on training of airborne ground forces for distant operations

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